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1. MR. KEE BOCK SHIN, RECENTLY ARRIVED CONSELOR OF
ROK EMBASSY, VIENNA, VISITED MISSION AUGUST 9 TO
PRESENT NOTE VERBALE (THEIR REFERENCE KEA 7745,
DATED AUGUST 8, 1977) REQUESTING US SUPPORT FOR ROK
CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO SEAT ON IAEA BOARD OF
GOVERNORS AT FORTHCOMING GENERAL CONFERENCE. SUBSTANCE
OF NOTE FOLLOWS (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMMITTED).

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2. QUOTE: PERMANENT MISSION OF ROK TO IAEA
PRESENTS COMPLIMENTS AND REFERS TO ELECTION OF
MEMBERS OF BG OF IAEA WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VI, PARAGRAPH A2, OF IAEA
STATUTE AT TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

3. QUOTE: PEMANENT MISSION FURTHER HAS HONOR TO

STATE THAT ROK, AS MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION BELONGING TO AREA OF FAR EAST, WISHES TO BE ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN ABOVE MENTIONED ELECTION, AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF ROK WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DELEGATION OF USA AT FORTHCOMING SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COULD SUPPORT ROK FOR SUCH ELECTION.

4. QUOTE: PERMANENT MISSION FURTHER HAS HONOUR TO STATE THAT SINCE ITS ADMISSION TO AGENCY IN 1957, GOVERNMENT OF ROK HAS BEEN TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN WORK OF AGENCY, HAVING SERVED, AMONG OTHERS, AS A MEMBER OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN PAST, AND HAVING HOSTED INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIUMS OF AGENCY MANY TIMES IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH AGENCY; THAT GOVERNMENT OF ROK ACCEDED IN 1975 TO NPT, THUS PLEDGING ITS FIRM COMMITMENT PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY; AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF ROK HAS ALWAYS BEEN WILLING AND ABLE TO TAKE PART IN ALL ACTIVITIES OF AGENCY FOR ATTAINING ITS OBJECTIVES SUCCESSFULLY. END QUOTE. COPY OF NOTE BEING AIR POUCHED TO IO/SCT.

5. SHIN NOTED FAR EAST AREA, FOR IAEA BG PURPOSES, INCLUDES JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, VIET NAM, SOUTH KOREA, NORTH KOREA, AND MONGOLIA. JAPAN WILL OCCUPY DESIGNATED SEAT, AND PHILIPPINES, WHICH CURRENTLY OCCUPIES FAR EAST AREA ELECTED SEAT, CANNOT BE RE-ELECTED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY DO NOT EXPECT VIET NAM WILL RUN. THEREFORE, THEY SEE ONLY COMPETITION FOR AREA SEAT, IF ANY, WOULD COME FROM NORTH KOREA OR MONGOLIA. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY NORTH KOREAN OR MONGOLIAN INTEREST IN RUNNING FOR SEAT. RECOGNIZING THREE TO THREE SPLIT IN AREA POLITICAL ALIGNMENT, ROK WOULD NOT EXPECT WIN MAJORITY AREA SUPPORT FOR ITS CANDIDANCY.

6. MISOFFS TOLD SHIN ROK INTERESTS WOULD BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON.

7. MISOFFS ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO INQUIRE OF STATUS OF US/IAEA/ROK SUSPENSION PROTOCOL (SEE REFTTEL) AND NOTED US INTEREST IN ITS TIMELY CONCLUSION SHIN WAS NOT AWARE OF LATEST ROK THINKING ON MATTER BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

8. MISSION PROPOSES RESPOND TO ROK MISSION IN CUSTOMARY MANNER BY INDICATING OUR PLEASURE IN LEARNING OF ROK'S CANDIDACY AND OUR INTENTION OF BEARING IT IN MIND AS U.S. PREPARES FOR PARTICIPATION IN NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF U.S. AND

OTHER MEMBER STATES OF ASCERTAINING PREFERENCES OF
OTHER STATES IN AREA REPRESENTED BY THE SEAT IN
QUESTION, IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE
COMPETING FOR THAT SEAT, BEFORE DECIDING WHICH
CANDIDATE TO SUPPORT.

9. PLEASE ADVISE.STONE

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